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**Unit 2: Stories and Poems**

**Lesson 5: Fiction and Narratives**

**Name:**

***Purpose for reading:*** To practice using active reading skills.

***Previewing and Making Predictions***

* Read the title of your story. Look at any pictures provided. Briefly skim the passage.
* **What do you think your story will be about? (2 sentences)**

***Identifying the Genre***

* **What is the genre of your selected text?**

***Reading and Taking Notes***

* Keep a pen, pencil, and/or highlighter in your hand as you read. Take note of the main idea, important details, areas of confusion, and connections. **You will hand your marked text with this paper.**
* Stop after reading the first few paragraphs and answer:
  + **What is happening so far?**
* While reading, think about your own knowledge and experiences. **What connections have you made to the text?**

***Identify the following:***

* **Setting:**
* **Time frame:**
* **Point-of-view**

***Answer three of the following questions about the character:***

* **What is the character like?**
* **What does the character want most? Why?**
* **What is the main problem the character faces?**
* **How does the character view his or her situation?**
* **What kinds of relationships does he or she have with other characters in the story?**
* **How does the character change throughout the story?**

***Draw a plot pyramid here: (pg. 67)***

***Symbols and Theme***

* **In one paragraph, explain one symbol and the theme of the story. Explain what the symbol represents and how it helps the reader understand the message of the author.**